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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MASS, NU, US
SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR M16A1 RIFLES VIA FMS

REF: STATE 05231#

IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT THE GON IS FINALIZING A CONTRACT WITH COLT FOR 1000 NOT 5000 RIFLES WHICH WILL BE DELIVERED IMMEDIATELY. THESE RIFLES WILL BE ISSUED TO THE PRESIDENTIAL BN AND TRAINING SCHOOLS AS THE PRIMARY STEP IN UPGRADING THEIR SMALL ARMS WEAPONS SYSTEM. IT IS THE REMAINING NUMBER OF M16A1 RIFLES, REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE REARMING OF THE GUARDIA OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS THAT PRESIDENT SOMOZA WANTS TO PURCHASE THROUGH FMS CHANNELS. IT IS NOT OUR PURPOSE TO COMPETE WITH A U.S. COMMERCIAL SOURCE, BUT TO COMPLY WITH THE PRESIDENT'S PERSONAL REQUEST THAT WE ARE SOLICITING AN EXCEPTION TO POLICY. PRESIDENT SOMOZA HAS STATED THAT HE PREFERS TO USE FMS CHANNELS FOR THIS LARGE WEAPONS PURCHASE ESPECIALLY SINCE HE IS USING FMS CREDIT.
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